



7/1/08 – 6/30/09 Annual Work Plan Benton Conservation District

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Mission of the Benton Conservation District

- The Mission of the Benton Conservation District is to facilitate responsible stewardship of the land and resources for the residents of Benton County through the application and administration of various volunteer and cooperative partnership programs using all available funding resources.*

Natural Resource Priorities and Goals:

- Air Quality – By January 2013, reduce wind erosion and improve air quality in Benton County through the conservation treatment on 50% of the critical eroding areas.*
- Water Quality – By 2013, the water quality of the river and streams in Benton County will have shown continual improvement in terms of DOE evaluation standards.*

Information – Education Priorities and Goals:

By February 2013, there will be three educational programs offered as part of the public education process to enhance learning about natural resource conservation in Benton County.

District Operations Priorities, Goals & Funding Sources:

- By February 2013, establish local funding mechanisms, which will create a stable funding.*
- Work with RC&D to establish additional partnerships to secure additional funding.*

Program Area: Air Quality

Goal: *By January 2013, reduce wind erosion and improve air quality in Benton County through the conservation treatment on 50% of the critical eroding areas.*

Funding Source(s): *Various Sources – See funding sources for each activity*

Activities for 7/1/2008 – 6/30/2009	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Funding Source
Continue implementation of field borders program on critical areas of SR 221	7/08 – 6/09	Erin / Mark	DOT / WSCC
Develop a Partnership with WSU on collecting & measuring soil erosion after wind storms along SR 221	7/08 – 6/09	Erin	WSU / Assessment

Implement the use of a WeedSeeker for the dryland wheat farms in the Horse Heaven Hills.	7/08 – 6/09	Erin	WSCC
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Program Area: Water Quality & Quantity

Goal: By 2013, the water quality of the river and streams in Benton County will have shown continual improvements in terms of Department of Ecology evaluation standards.

Funding Source: *Various Sources – See funding sources for each activity*

Activities for 7/1/2008 – 6/30/2009	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Funding Source
Work to secure funding to monitor and improve the water quality in the streams and rivers that are of concern.	7/08 – 6/09	All Staff	Ecology / WSCC
Assist county residents with knowledge and implementation of Xeriscaping techniques to reduce irrigation demands.	7/08 – 6/09	Mark	Assessment / Other
Implement spinosad technical assistance and cost-share program	7/08 – 12/08	Erin	Ecology / WSCC
Implement urban irrigation water management program	7/08 – 6/09	Erin / Mark	WSCC / Assessment
Work with Agency Partners in researching and developing improved methods of water conservation practices through both technical assistance as well as cost share.	7/08 – 6/09	Mark / Erin	WSCC / Assessment
Implement Columbia River Water Management Metering Program.	7/08 – 6/09	Mark / Erin	Ecology
Implement water intake screening program for Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant.	7/08 – 6/09	Marcella / Erin	SRF Board
Implement Water Star Grass control project.	7/08 – 12/08	Rachel	NFWF
Implement Lower Yakima River Inventory and Improvement project for Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant.	7/08 – 6/09	Marcella / Rachel	SRF Board

Program Area: Education & Outreach

Goal: By February 2013, there will be three educational programs offered as part of the public outreach process to enhance learning about natural resource conservation in Benton County.

Funding Source: *Various Sources – See funding sources for each activity*

Activities for 7/1/2008 – 6/30/2009	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Funding Source
Continue to implement “Salmon in the Classroom” program	7/08 - 6/09	Rachel	Assessment / WSCC
Evaluate and implement successful programs utilized by other agencies	7/08 - 6/09	Staff & Board	Assessment
Build understanding between urban youth and rural resource providers	7/08 - 6/09	Rachel	Assessment / WSCC
Develop and implement web site as a means of providing an electronic educational tool	7/08 - 6/09	Mark / Staff	Assessment / WSCC
BCD will provide resources for teachers in the district by networking with other organizations and agencies	7/08 - 6/09	Rachel	Assessment / WSCC

Program Area: District Operations

Goal: By February 2013, establish local funding mechanisms which will create a stable funding source.

Funding Source: *Various Sources – See funding sources for each activity*

Activities for 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Funding Source
Keep County Commissioners apprised of activities funded through assessment funds	7/08 – 6/09	Mark / Board	Assessment
Increase expertise in accounting procedures and software.	7/08 - 6/09	Tracie	Assessment
Administer funds, prepare required reports, and maintain financial records.	7/08 - 6/09	Tracie / Mark	Assessment

Update Employee Personnel Manual and review employee benefit package.	7/08 –6/09	Dan / Mark	Assessment

Benton Conservation District
Budget January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

	2007 Actual	2008 Proposed
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Income		
3621000 · Equipment Rental Income	3,059	3,000
3380310 · Interlocal Service Revenue	0	10,000
3330000 · Federal In-Direct Dollars	3,495	71,066
3340310 · Grant Income-Ecology	26,444	0
3340330 · Grant Income-WSCC	54,557	61,500
3370710 · District Assessment from County	174,028	190,000
3611110 · Checking Interest	5	5
3611150 · Interest-WA Invesmt Pool	2,647	3,000
3611160 · Money Market Interest	890	10
3690010 · Miscellaneous Revenue	2,473	<u>2,500</u>
3860010 · Sales Tax Collected	<u>254</u>	
Total Income	267,852	341,081
Expense		
531.10 · Salaries & Wages	58,334	84,989
5312000 · Personnel Benefits	16,682	24,252
5313000 · Supplies	4,222	6,000
5314100 · Professional Services	114,846	70,000
5314200 · Communication	6,202	6,500
5314300 · Travel	3,012	4,000
5314400 · Advertising	262	500
5314600 · Insurance	3,221	3,500
5314500 · Rentals & Leases	300	500
5314900 · Miscellaneous	5,921	6,000
5311901 · Education Supplies	5,322	8,000
5989600 · Cost/Share Programs	59,961	110,000
5860010 · Sales Tax Remitted	<u>128</u>	<u>250</u>
Total Expense	278,413	324,491